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Vehicular traffic and pedestrian changes on Brookline Avenue due to Muddy River project beginning December 13; Brookline Avenue Inbound will be shifted right between the Riverway Connector and Park Drive

CONCORD, Mass. – Construction activities continue on Phase 1 of the \$30.9 million Muddy River Flood Risk Management and Environmental Restoration project in Boston, Massachusetts. On Saturday, December 13, another traffic shift to change both vehicular and pedestrian traffic will occur now that the installation of the arch culvert underneath Brookline Avenue is complete. This traffic shift will maintain Brookline Avenue, between the Riverway Connector and Park Drive, as one-way only inbound traffic but will shift the four inbound lanes to the right.

Traffic flow will remain in the same traffic pattern from the last traffic changes in March and September 2014. Traffic coming down Brookline Avenue or Boylston Street outbound that want to continue down Brookline Avenue to the medical center will need to travel around the rotary between Brookline Avenue, the Riverway and along Fenway. Traffic signals that were installed from the last traffic change will remain permanently to ease congestion that occurs when traffic traveling down Park Drive from Brookline tries to merge with traffic exiting the Riverway toward Brookline Avenue. A figure showing the scheduled December 13th traffic shift is shown at the end of this notice.

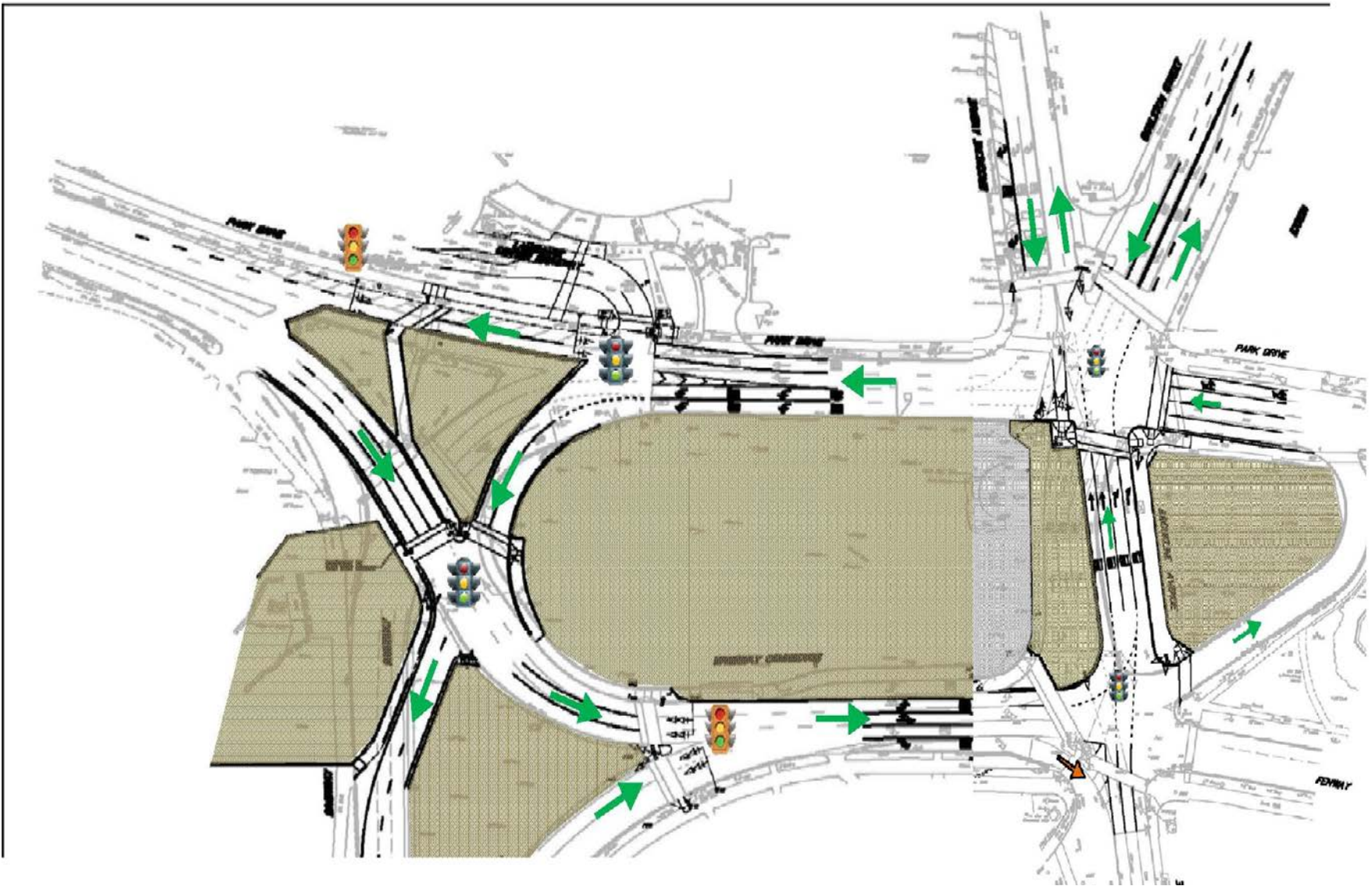
As part of the vehicular traffic shift, a new pedestrian walkway will be constructed on the right side of the Brookline Avenue (inbound) adjacent to the Jug Handle for pedestrian travel through the project area. The pedestrian walkway on the left side, near the former Sears Parking Lot, will be temporarily removed.

These changes are being made so that the relocation of the utilities, by others, permanently back into Brookline Avenue can occur. In addition, these changes will allow the construction of the Brookline Avenue roadway and permanent island (separating inbound and outbound traffic), in anticipation of opening Brookline Avenue back to two-way traffic, between Riverway Connector and Park Drive, in early Spring 2015. Police details will be used to assist drivers during the implementation and initial stages of this traffic shift.

For Muddy River project construction updates visit the website at:
<http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/ProjectsTopics/MuddyRiver.aspx>.

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TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN DURING FINAL PHASE OF BROOKLINE AVENUE CULVERT INSTALLATION AND INITIAL PHASE OF RIVERWAY CULVERT INSTALLATION

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